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SUBJECT: CUBA AS THE VENUE FOR UNDP'S 22ND GOVERNING COUNCIL

REF: USUN 4587

1. SUMMARY: CUBA HAS NOW OFFICIALLY TOLD ALL UN PERMANENT MISSIONS IT IS OFFERING HAVANA AS SITE OF 22ND UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE 1976 AND PROPOSAL CUBAN UN PERMREP ALARCON TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNDP GC IN 1976. END SUMMARY.

2. ON 13 OCTOBER USUN RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING THIRD PERSON NOTE FROM THE UN DATED 9 OCTOBER: "THE ENCLOSED TRANSLATION OF A COMMUNICATION DATED 20 SEPTEMBER 1975 IS TRANSMITTED TO THE PERMANENT MISSIONS OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHARGE D' AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS."

3. THE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE CUBA LETTER OF 20 SEPTEMBER ADDRESSED TO SYG WALDHEIM IS QUOTED AT THE END OF THIS CABLE.

4. COMMENT: WITH CUBA INVITATION NOW BOTH OFFICIAL AND WIDELY DISSEMINATED, AND PARTICULARLY WITH ALARCON SURFACED AS CUBA'S CANDIDATE TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, WE WILL REPORT OUR FURTHER
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COMMENTS AS SOON AS WE HAVE TAKEN FURTHER

SOUNDINGS LOCALLY.

QUOTE:

I HAVE TODAY ADDRESSED A NOTE TO MR. RUDOLPH A. PETERSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, INFORMING HIM THAT I HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT TO OFFER HAVANA AS THE SITE FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP, TO BE HELD IN JUNE 1976.

MY GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE COUNCIL WILL ACCEPT THIS INVITATION, THEREBY ENABLING IT TO EXTEND ITS HOSPITALITY AND THAT OF ITS PEOPLE TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND TO ORGANIZE A PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE CIRCULATED A NOTE INDICATING CUBA'S DISIRE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IN 1976 AND PROPOSING AS CANDIDATE HIS EXCELLENCY DR. RICARDO ALARCON Y DE QUESADA, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I WOULD REQUEST YOU TO HAVE THIS NOTE CIRCULATED TO THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE
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